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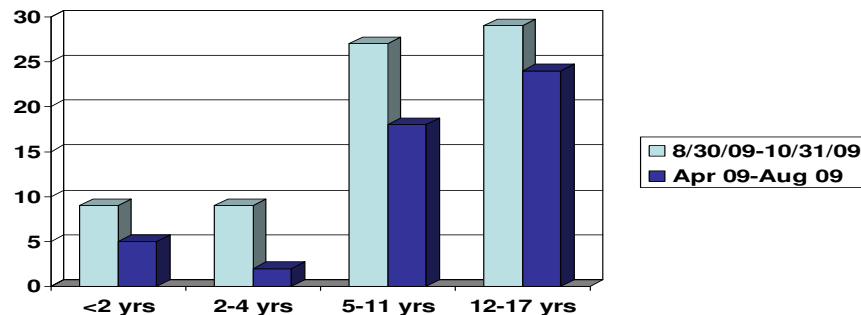
November 5, 2009

Influenza Update:

Please report all influenza deaths to the Arkansas Department of Health (as soon as possible-as you would normally report any communicable disease)

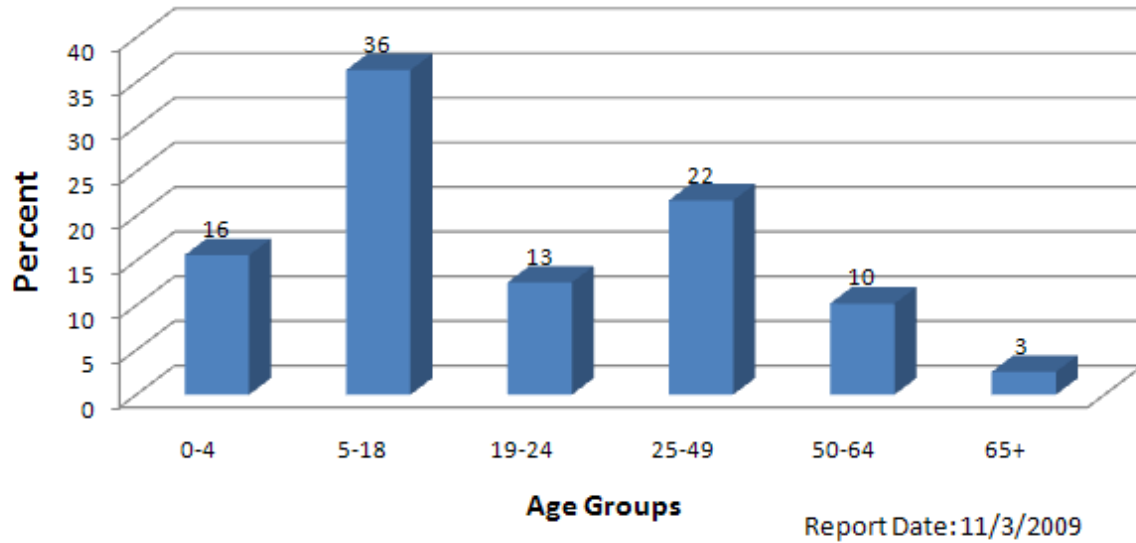
Since August 30, 2009, CDC has received 74 reports of influenza-associated pediatric deaths that occurred during the current influenza season (nine deaths in children less than 2 years old, nine deaths in children 2-4 years old, 27 deaths in children 5-11 years old, and 29 deaths in individuals 12-17 years old).

Pediatric Deaths in U. S.

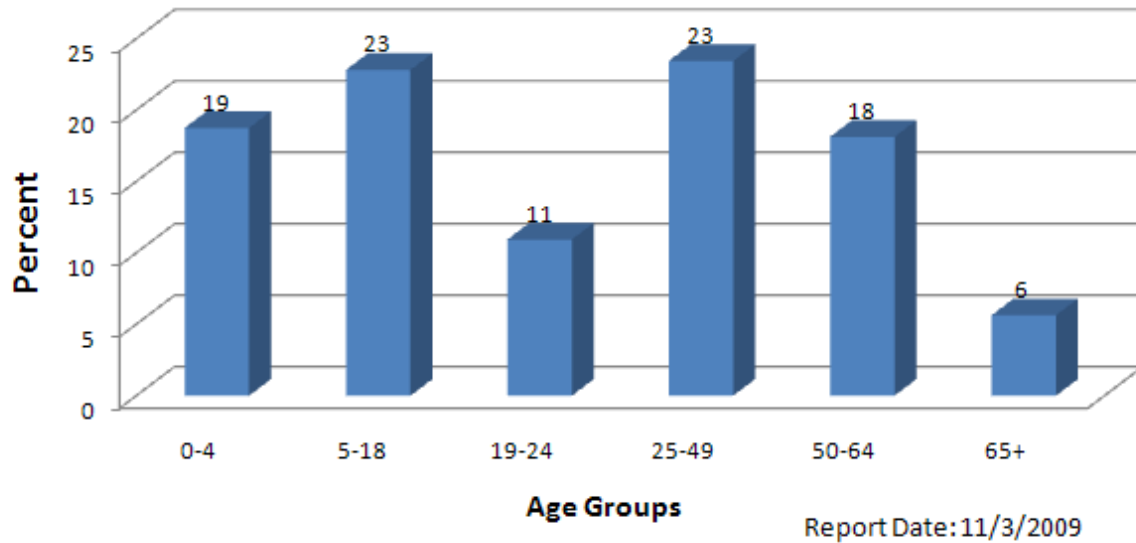


I am including some charts comparing U.S. and Arkansas influenza stats. As you can see, our outbreak is similar to what the rest of the country is seeing.

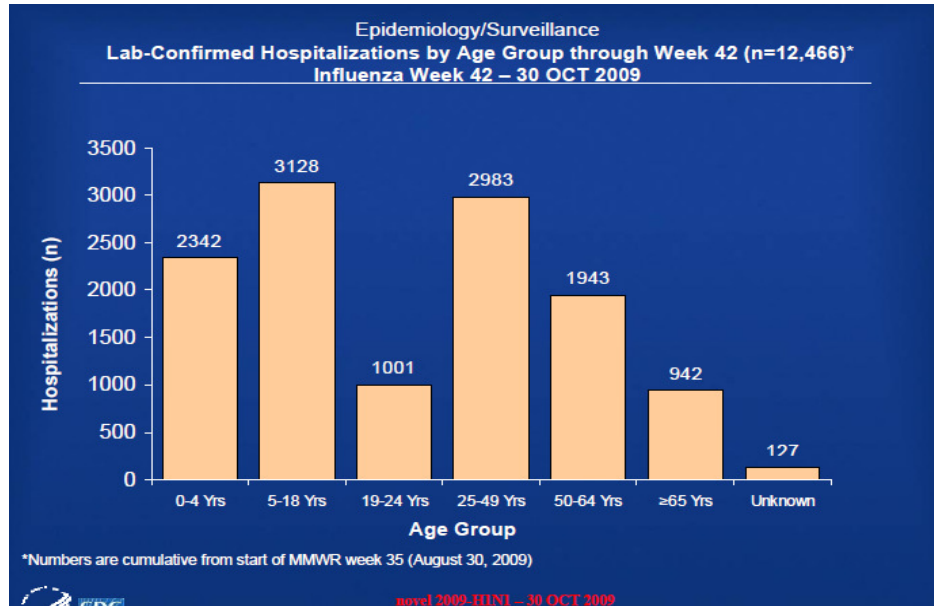
**Percentage of PCR Positive 2009 H1N1 Cases by age Groups,
Arkansas 2009-10**



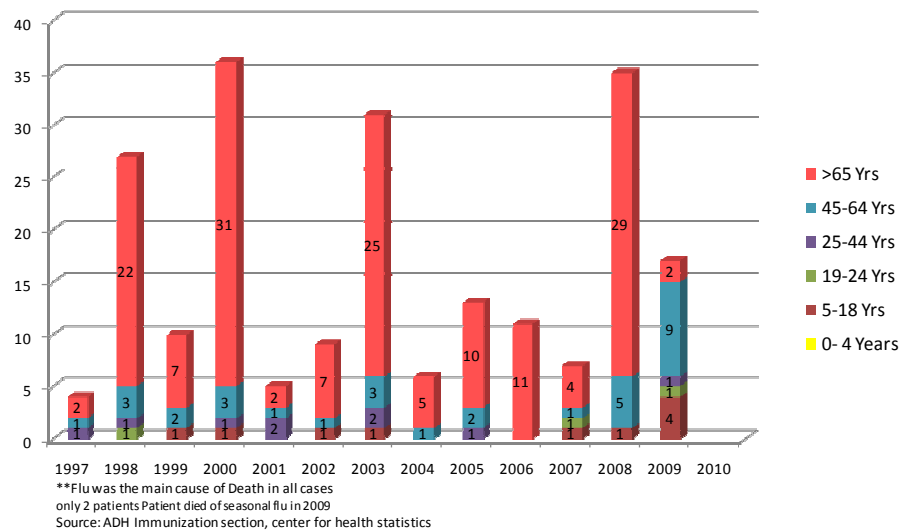
**Percentage of Hospitalized PCR Positive 2009 H1N1 Cases by age
Groups, Arkansas 2009-10**

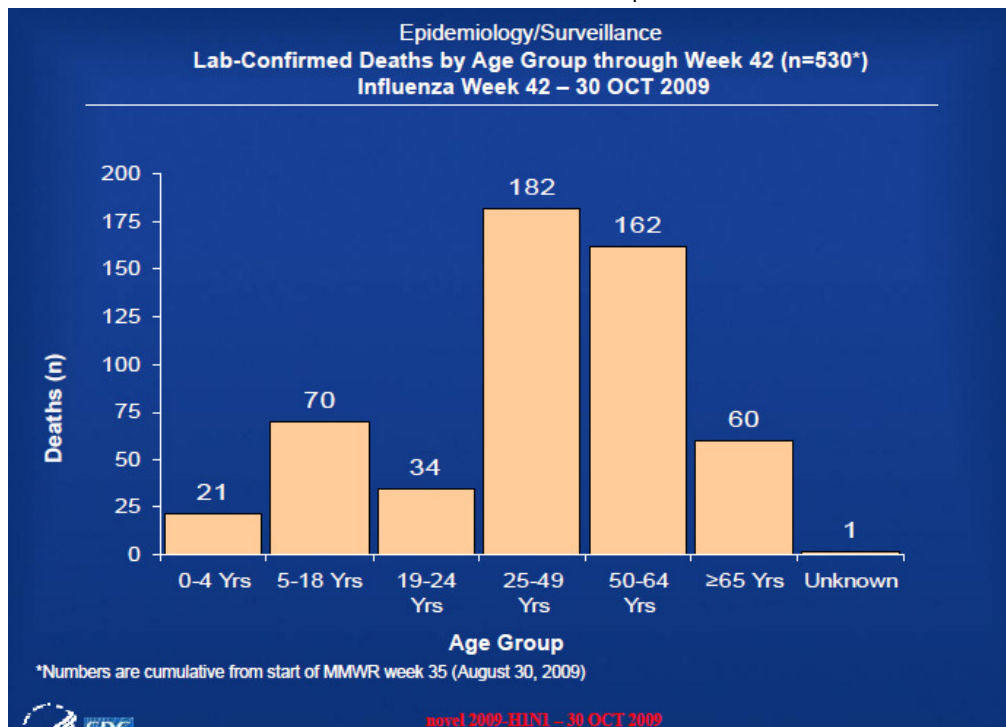


U.S. Data



Arkansas Influenza Death by age groups 1997-2009
Report Updated: 11/3/2009 (Provisional)





H1N1 Vaccine Provider Pre-Registration Sign-Up

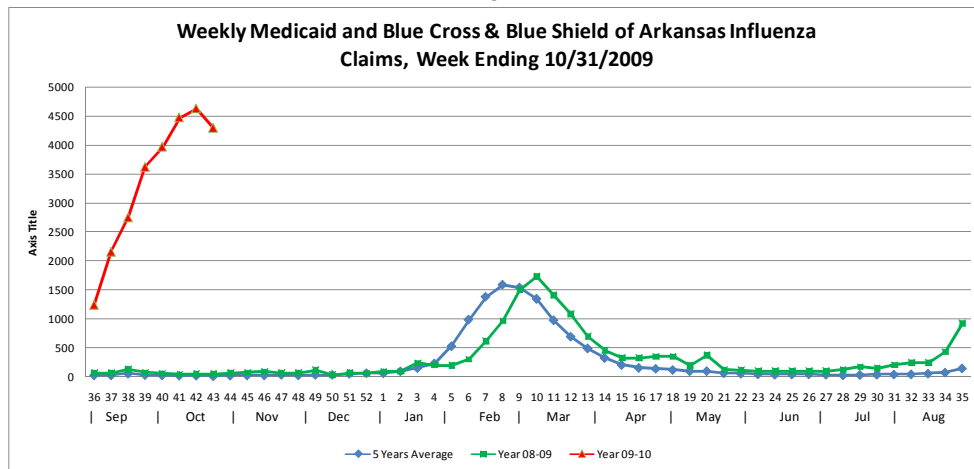
Providers interested in receiving H1N1 vaccine are encouraged to go to the ADH website (www.healthyarkansas.com) for information. The steps include:

1. Pre-registering your interest for vaccine-please call the helpdesk at 1-800-574-4040 to pre-register or contact Wittney Hasley (Wittney.Hasley@arkansas.gov).
2. Submitting a provider agreement
3. Placing a vaccine order

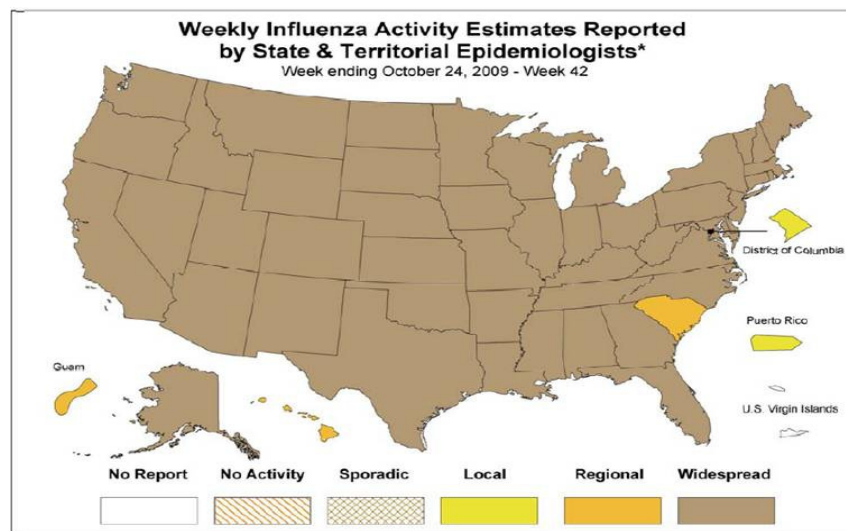
You must complete all the above steps, in order to receive vaccine.

The Arkansas Dept of Health will be upgrading the software used for the **Health Alert Network (HAN)**. Use of this new system will begin on October 1, 2009. To ensure you continue to receive **Dr. Snow's weekly letter** and other important health information you must logon to <https://health.arkansas.gov/codespearreg>, click on "new user information" and fill in the blanks. You are required to have an email address. This email address becomes your logon ID. Please click on the web address and sign up.

Maybe the worst is over – and then again.....



If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dr. Sandy Snow at 501-661-2169 or fax to 501-661-2300 or e-mail to Sandra.snow@arkansas.gov



* This map indicates geographic spread & does not measure the severity of influenza activity